

Edwards Secures Funding to Improve Transportation & Infrastructure in Brazos County

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Chet Edwards announced funding he has secured to help complete construction of the downtown Bryan transit terminal and parking facility, and make important upgrades to the West Bryan wastewater treatment plant. The funding was included by Edwards in the final 2009 Appropriations bill, which passed the House today by a vote of 245 to 178.

“Improving transportation infrastructure in Brazos County will benefit the local economy and help address the needs of growing community,” said Edwards. “By completing construction on the transit terminal and parking facility, we will encourage transit usage, which will reduce traffic congestion, and improve quality of life for local families.”

Edwards secured \$950,000 to help the Brazos Transit District, in cooperation with Brazos County and the City of Bryan, complete construction for the downtown transit terminal and parking facility. Once construction begins, it is estimated to be complete within 18 months. In 2006, Edwards secured \$1.6 million so the city could purchase 12 buses and make initial improvements to the Brazos Transit District Terminal.

“Congressman Edwards has been a consistent champion for transportation improvements in Bryan, and we are grateful for his continued support,” said Bryan Mayor Mark Conlee. “We look forward to the day that vehicles are parking in the new parking facility and the \$950,000 will assist with achieving this milestone.”

Edwards also secured \$500,000 for replacement of old pipe at the West Bryan Sewer Treatment Facility, a 20 year old plant in need of renovation to better address the population growth occurring in the region.

“Upgrades to the treatment system are key to future growth in Bryan,” said Edwards. “I am pleased that we were able to include this funding for new pipeline, because it will help local leaders to complete this important project and plan for the future.”

Edwards is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.